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Upland, Indiana

Parents' Weekend a fun family affair



Photo by Bryan Smith

FAMILY TIES are strong between sophomore Emily Honett and her parents, Steve and Jane and sister Sarah. The Honett family enjoyed the beautiful weather and time with their daughter on Thursday.

By PHIL BOLTZ
STAFF WRITER

For many students, Parents' Weekend is a time to reconnect with family members they haven't seen since the beginning of the school year.

While they value the weekend for the trips to Wal-Mart and the campus store, several students said they are looking forward to spending quality time with their parents.

"Parents' Weekend is always a

swingin' time," said junior Greg Singleton. "It's a chance to hang out and let my parents experience a little bit of Taylor Life."

Freshman Dave Hoeflinger said the weekend, which is tra-

ditionally scheduled near midterm exams, will provide a much-needed break during the weeks of testing.

"I miss my parents so much," he said. "It will be great to see them again, especially after this week."

The weekend, a tradition for more than 30 years, usually attracts about 2,000 family members. Activities range from social dinners and devotionals to concerts and sporting events. Each of these events offers a chance for the students to spend some time with the family and for families to briefly experience the lives of their students.

To begin the weekend, the Taylor Music Department is planning a Collage Concert Friday evening. The concert will begin at 8 p.m. in Rediger Auditorium.

Saturday, families are encouraged to experience breakfast in the Dining Commons. From 9-10 a.m., Dean of the Chapel Richard Allen Farmer will lead a family devotional hour in Rediger Auditorium.

Each year, there is also a general store / auction held on the lawn

of the Dining Commons from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds from the sale become part of the Parents Emergency Assistance Fund, which raises money for student emergencies.

The residence hall open house, which will be held from 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday, allows parents see how their students live.

At 1:30 p.m., the football team will play Illinois' University of St. Francis at Wheeler Stadium. At 2 p.m., the men's soccer team will challenge Thomas Moore College.

As evening approaches, the annual Harvest Dinner will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. before the National Christian Choir concert at 8 p.m. Tickets for the concert can be purchased at Rediger Auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Saturday evening will conclude with a free ice cream social in the auditorium after the concert.

On Sunday, president David Gyertson will speak at worship services in the auditorium at 8 and 10 a.m. Lunch will be held at the Dining Commons from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Senate eyes new and old projects

By KAREN PENNER
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Taylor students can expect to see numerous changes around campus this year, thanks to the work of the hall senators.

Student Senate began this year with several new and unfinished projects. The number of unfinished projects from last year is a problem that Tim Hardin, chairman of Senate, wants to solve. Hardin set up new guidelines for the senators to follow to ensure the completion of this year's projects.

"When I came in this year, I had a list of a lot of projects that were not completed. . . One way that I am trying to regulate that [is by requiring senators] to send monthly statements that update their projects," Hardin said.

The updates must include contacts the senators have made and how far they are from completing their project. Deadlines for the majority of their projects are at the end of the semester.

Earlier this year, Senate held meetings in dorms to gather project ideas from students. Green

signs advertising Senate's e-mail address have also been put up around campus encouraging students to write and share ideas or ask questions.

Installing ice machines in each dorm is a project Senate began last year and is continuing to work toward completing this year. According to Hardin, Senate has received feedback from students voicing the desire for ice machines. Proposals from two different companies have been made and Senate is now looking into different ways of funding the purchasing of ice machines. Hardin believes that the purchase of ice machines will be one of the biggest projects this year, and said that it is very possible students will see ice machines in the dorms within the year. However, Rob Livingston, a senator from Morris Hall who is heading up the project, is not quite sure the project can be completed this year.

"We are working as hard as we can. There is a reasonable chance that we could get the ice machines, but we are still in the

planning stage," Livingston said.

The "Grab and Go Lunch" program is another project Senate is following up on from last year. This project is scheduled to be ready by Christmas and will provide students with an opportunity to "grab" a sack lunch consisting of a sandwich, fruit, chips, a cookie, salad and a soft drink. This will allow students to eat lunch between classes or while doing homework. Olson Hall senator Emily Cullen is in charge of the project this year and believes that the "Grab and Go Lunch" will be "a great convenience for students."

Other projects in the works include copy machines in all residence halls, a lounge in the Bergwall basement, better locks in Fairlane apartments, adding water and Gatorade in vending machines, improving the lighting in Gerig rooms, installing emergency call boxes around campus and improving the beautification of campus with benches.

SAC Spelling Bee

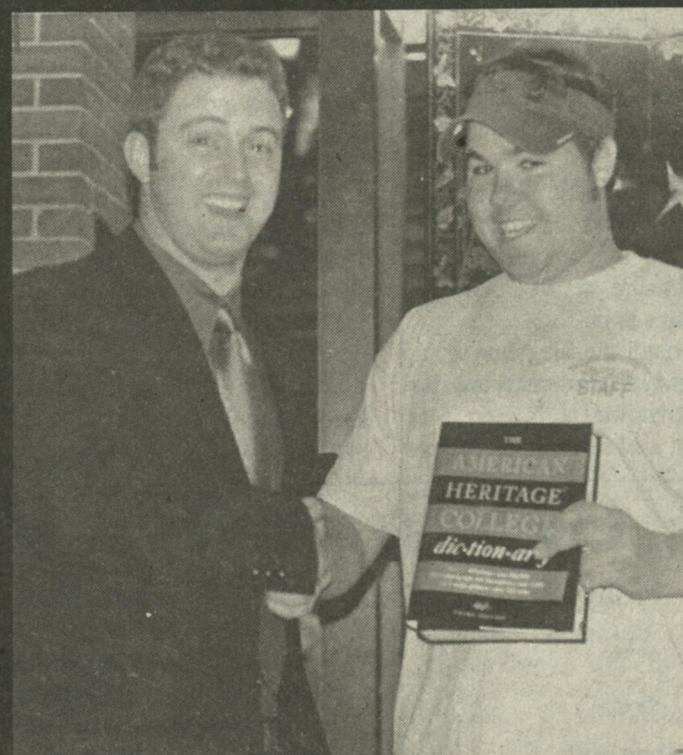


Photo by Bryan Smith

SAC sponsored its annual spelling bee on Tuesday evening during dinner. Chuck Doyle was congratulated by emcee Jay Aquila after winning the contest, and was presented with a dictionary as a reward for his overwhelming spelling abilities.

First financial seminar offered by TSO a successful endeavor

By LATONYA TAYLOR
NEWS EDITOR

Freedom and budgeting are two concepts that may seem incompatible to many college students.

But in a financial planning seminar Monday evening, two Taylor alumni said their family budget is a source of freedom and security.

Mark Siegelin, a 1992 graduate who is an investment representative at Edward Jones in Gas City, and his wife, Christa, who graduated in 1993, spoke to about 30 students in a Nussbaum lecture hall.

During the session, which lasted about an hour, Mr. Siegelin said a basic biblical principle is the key to a successful financial plan.

"You have to be content - you have to be willing to not buy everything you want," he said. "It's really simple, but that's the part that [trips] most people up."

Mr. Siegelin said it is also simple to make financial mistakes.

"I think there are two ways people get in trouble," Mr. Siegelin said. "One is, generally they just don't keep track of their money."

He said new graduates often incur bills for an apartment, cars, and vacations, or run up high credit card bills before realizing how much money they are spending. "They are in trouble because they just didn't pay attention."

Others, he said, are controlled by greed. "There are some people who know they're going in debt but don't care, because they need to get 'this item.'"

Although the Siegelins set up their budget after marrying during their time at Taylor, Mrs. Siegelin said students don't have

to wait to begin planning for their financial futures.

"Even if you're looking at single life, it's still very freeing to know that . . . you can do all kinds of things, because you set money aside specifically for that."

In the interactive session, the Siegelins spoke about two budgeting plans: one, an envelope system, divides a person's earnings into different envelopes for categories like groceries, clothes, gifts and entertainment. A second type of plan involves using software programs such as Quicken and Microsoft Money to keep track of expenses. They also devised a rough budget for college students to follow.

Although the Siegelins said setting up a budget can be simple, they added that getting used to the idea might take some time. Mrs. Siegelin said that although she wasn't excited about financial

planning at first, eventually the discipline of the budget "became very freeing."

TSO Vice President of Finance Janelle Millington said she received positive feedback from students about the semi-

"I hope this is a pattern . . . [so we can] become better stewards of the many blessings God has given us."

— JANELLE MILLINGTON,
VP OF FINANCE.

nar.

"I hope this is a pattern that will continue so that the Taylor student body as a whole will become better stewards of the many blessings God has given us," she said.

Millington, a senior business major, said she decided to plan the sessions after she realized that many students didn't have the background they needed to manage their money.

The seminar is the first of a series sponsored by TSO. A Nov. 14 session will cover investing.



Photo by Bryan Smith

ROSEMARY FARMER, director of American ethnic student programs, addresses students during the Leadership Symposium Oct. 10. Farmer spoke on the topic "Diversity in Leadership."

Urban Exposure weekend planned for Fall Break

Three-day trip to Chicago to involve education and ministry

By HILLARY BOSS
STAFF WRITER

For most Taylor students, Fall Break means a relaxing weekend at home or an exciting road trip. But for the students going to Chicago for the Urban Exposure Weekend, this Fall Break will be a step out of their comfort zones.

"Urban Exposure Weekend is all about exposing people to things they've never experienced," said senior Dave Perkins, who organized the trip.

The group of Taylor students will be working alongside the members of Westlawn Gospel Chapel on the west side of Chicago.

Friday night, the students will meet with local church leaders to hear about some of their ministry projects. Perkins said students will have the opportunity to ask questions and discuss ministry

strategies.

Saturday, the group will travel to Little India on Chicago's north side, where they will experience Indian culture and discuss the needs in that community.

Later that evening, students will visit Emmaus Ministries. This organization focuses on outreach to homosexual men on the north side of Chicago. Perkins said the group will receive some training by the staff at Emmaus, and then they will have the opportunity to go out on the streets and participate in the ministry.

On Sunday morning, the group will attend a Hispanic church service. They will also have a formal debriefing time before returning to Taylor.

Perkins is looking forward to the trip, especially working with Emmaus. "A lot of people strug-

gle with what to do about homosexuals," Perkins said. "I know God loves them just as much as he loves us, and I hope to develop a love for them after talking with them."

Perkins hopes that he and the other students in the group will be stretched beyond what they would normally encounter in everyday experience. "I expect people to be really humbled," he said. "I think we'll all realize the blessings we have."

Perkins encourages everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to experience life in the inner city of Chicago. "I think we'll see the Lord's heart for the people in urban communities," he said.

Anyone interested in participating in the Chicago trip over Fall Break can sign up at the TWO office located in the union.

Griffin's five-day forecast

Friday



Sunny and Warm.

High: 73
Low: 52

Saturday



Partly cloudy with evening showers possible.

High: 70
Low: 51

Sunday



Scattered showers.

High: 68
Low: 48

Monday



Intermittent clouds and sun.

High: 63
Low: 41

Tuesday



Partly cloudy.

High: 64
Low: 43

Griffin Ott is a mass communications major. He is the weatherman for TCS Frontline News and interned this past summer in the weather department at WNDU TV, South Bend.

The pleasant conditions will last through the first half of the weekend. A cold front will bring an end to the very mild temperatures. Showers associated with this front are a definite possibility Saturday night and Sunday. Temperatures will warm slightly for the beginning of next week, but the bigger warm-up will occur halfway through the week. This weather isn't that bad for October.

Opinion

"If there's peace to be found in the world, a heart that was humble might hope for it here."
- Thomas Moore

Newest Israeli conflict needs prayer

JUC students okay, but with a declared 'Day of Rage,' they, as well as those fighting on both sides of the battle, desperately need intercession

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
RACHEL MARTIN

My brothers and sisters,

By the time you read this, another day of violence will be halfway over here in Jerusalem. Let me begin this letter by saying that we, as students of Jerusalem University College, are safe. The recent conflicts have not touched our university or any of the students physically. JUC carefully monitors our safety and keeps an eye on the situation and circumstances. They are very well informed. That said, I am now going to beg for your prayers over this land-these peoples-that I truly love.

First, please stop right now and offer up a prayer for today's peace. The Muslims have declared today a "Day of Rage," and all the faithful who can get to the Holy Mount are in Jerusalem. Pray that they have heard a message of peace rather than ones inciting more violence and rioting, which has triggered new conflicts the past two Fridays.

I also ask you to pray for the Christians here. This is a land

where Christians are still persecuted. No, they are not generally beaten or killed, but each one, whether Arab or Messianic Jew, has given up so much in order to follow Christ. They have been separated from their families and communities. Some believers do still have contact with their families, but often they are considered dead by those whom they love. This conflict adds even more testing. Though they are called to love their enemies and be the images of Christ, the world surrounding them demands that they take revenge for the wrongs done to their people. Be praying that they can somehow find a way and the strength to offer help to the physically and spiritually wounded people in this broken-hearted land. Also, pray for their safety as they take this stand.

Please be praying for the people here on both sides: The mothers who will sit down to dinner tomorrow night and see empty spots where their twelve-year-old sons sat just two weeks ago. The Israeli Defense Force soldiers who find themselves

shooting stone-throwing children with rubber bullets and live ammunition because that is the only defense they have. The soldiers who were brutally butchered, cut limb from limb yesterday morning. The mob that attacked them; nothing human acts like that, even out of hate; other forces are at work here. Every family has lost a child, a spouse, a business, a home. Every individual, no matter what side, has a wounded heart and a reason for revenge. Real peace here, both in the land and in individual hearts, is an impossible goal for any political authority, but as Jesus says in Luke 18:27, "What is impossible with men is possible with God."

The final challenge I have for you is that we are called to love people without discrimination. Despite the temptation, please do not take sides. I know that is hard, but please resist the urge. These situations involve hurting and desperate people trying to find a way to fix a horrible situation that has spent millennia becoming more complicated. They need love and healing. At the same

point, both of the governments, and ours as well, are corrupt in their ways of dealing with the people. Pray for the leaders, that God will bring them to wise decisions. There is no side that is completely in the right. Both have been terribly wronged, and both have caused much pain. So much hurt is going into all that is happening here, and neither side is yet equipped to love the other. Yes, there are many pictures of children being shot or soldiers' mutilated bodies being thrown out of prison windows, but remember in all of this that the people of both sides are still people and we are the ones called to love them.

Thank you for your prayers.
May God bless you and keep you.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

'May those who love you be secure.

May there be peace within your walls.'"

-Psalm 122:6-7

Human life takes precedent when voting

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
PROF. COLLEEN WARREN

While I was completing my graduate work at the University of Florida, a female professor had this statement posted on her office door: "If you aren't for abortion, then don't have one." Since I greatly respected the intellect of this woman, I was especially disturbed by the distorted logic of this comment, since it was further evidence that it is possible to profess oneself wise and still be a fool. Would she have been equally open to the premise if I had posted beneath her note, "If you don't agree with slavery, don't own a slave," or "If you like Jews, don't kill one?"

Obviously, wrong is wrong - or, in politically incorrect terms - sin is sin, and it doesn't really matter much what our opinion

about the matter is.

Our nation's inability, on the whole, to recognize sin as sin at least partially explains the *Roe vs. Wade* ruling and the near-tie in the polls between Bush and Gore. Their stances on legalized abortion, government funding of abortion and parental notice prior to a minor undergoing abortion are radically opposed, with Bush standing firmly on the pro-life side. Their running mates' positions are equally diametric: Dick Cheney, during his 10 years in Congress, had a 100 percent pro-life voting record, whereas Joseph Lieberman voted pro-abortion 66 of 67 times while serving in the Senate.

Even if one could "rationally argue" that abortion is not killing a human being with the time-worn question of "When does life begin?" (a question which the

Bible, by the way, answers definitively in Psalm 139, among other passages), we are still left with the indefensible issue of partial-birth abortion, a procedure that Gore defends and Bush opposes. How could it possibly be argued that a five-month-old en utero child is not human, is not alive, and that deliberately delivering that child breech so that the abortionist can puncture the child's skull and suck out his or her brains is not murder? I, like James Dobson, have determined never to vote for anyone who is pro-abortion; all other issues are secondary to the value of human life.

Another imperative issue at stake in this election is the probable appointment of 2-3 Supreme Court judges during the next president's term; for a Court which even now is often split in

its opinions, such appointments are crucial to the future direction of the country.

We at Taylor are a "city" of nearly 2000. We and other conscientious Christians can make a difference. The deadline to register to vote in Indiana has already passed (Oct. 10), but Indiana residents of counties other than Grant can still vote via absentee ballot if their ballots are returned to their home county by Oct. 30. Other states may have later registration and absentee ballot deadlines; check with your home state for their guidelines.

The voting center for Taylor students is Upland Community Church. Please plan to vote on Nov. 7, and remember that all that is necessary for wrong to prevail is for a few good people to remain silent.

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Features

"Human beings are the only creatures that allow their children to come back home."
-Bill Cosby

Going from parent and child to closest of friends

Living away from home gives students new perspective on mom and dad

By SUSAN BEEBE
FEATURES EDITOR

Welcome Weekend has long since passed. Parents of freshmen said their tearful goodbyes. Parents of sophomores begged their children to call more than they did last year. Parents of juniors hauled the same refrigerator up the stairs for the third time, complaining that their student can never get a room on the first floor. Parents of seniors count the blessings of off-campus housing and nostalgically comment on the first of a series of "this is the last time..."

Many changes happen to a Taylor student over four years, not the least of which is the evolution of the parent-child relationship. Packing and leaving become routine. Taylor dorm rooms are dubbed "home." Phone bills go up and down as a greater sense of financial responsibility collides with the realization that a parent's advice is invaluable. Fathers become favorite confidants and mothers, serious contenders for a bridesmaid position.

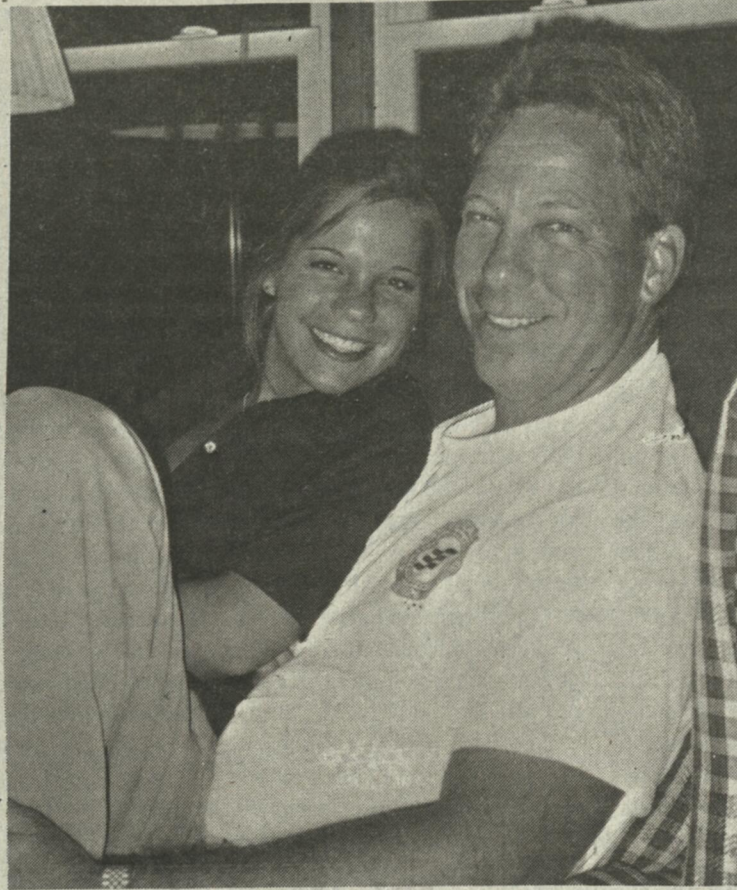
Senior Laura Burket appreciates the sense of equality that has developed between her and her

parents.

"Our relationship has just matured," she said. "I'm not the child living at home, I'm the friend living away... Not only can they teach me things; I can teach them and encourage them when they need encouragement."

She attributes this closeness of hearts primarily to distance of lives. Her parents live in Minneapolis, so visits are rare yet instrumental tools for developing a strong relationship.

"It's not something that could



SENIOR LAURA BURKET WITH FATHER LOREN relax at home.
This weekend is a welcome reunion for the Burket family.

have happened had I stayed at home," Burket said.

Burket's parents are returning for their fourth Parents'

mature that I value their wisdom so much more than I did," she said.

Sophomore Cindy Robinson

Weekend. Burket recalled Parents' Weekend of her freshman year.

"I remember that's when homesickness hit me for the first time," she said. "I bawled when I realized that they were going home and I wasn't."

Senior Erin Miller has also grown closer to her parents since coming to Taylor. "My parents and I have a much more spiritual relationship than we did in high school. I don't know if it's just because I'm older or more spiritually

said she sees her parents in a different light. "My views on things are changing. I can see things more from their point of view. I'm seeing different sides of them. They're empty-nesters, so I'm seeing their relationship change."

Robinson, from Ohio, also credits distance for her improved relationship with her parents. "If you're a homebody for too long, you keep seeing them in their mom and dad role," she said.

Distance is a formidable reality for sophomore Andrew Broucek and his family from Trinidad and Tobago. "Conversations are much more personal and vulnerable, and there are new topics to be brought up because of increased confidence. Living without them has severed the parent-child psychology," he said.

Dave and Gwen Broucek are making the commute this weekend to fulfill their Parents' Cabinet duties. Broucek hopes "just to catch up. It's been over a month now," he said.

There is one thing time and distance can't change. "I still get excited to see my parents on Parents' Weekend," Burket said.

ETC Director triumphs over adversity

By KRISTIN CONN
STAFF WRITER

For as long as he has been director of Taylor University's Educational Technology Center, Jim Kleist has been admired for his kindness, humor and faith. In the past several months, these qualities have been severely tested.

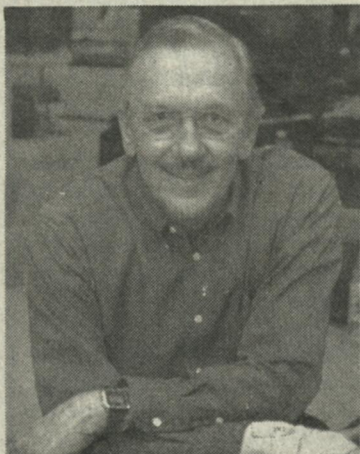


Photo courtesy of Jim Kleist
ETC DIRECTOR JIM KLEIST is a familiar face to Taylor students.

This summer, Kleist suffered an accident that resulted in the loss of two fingers from his right hand. Through this difficult ordeal, Kleist has emerged triumphant because of his faith and the support of his wife, his friends and the community.

On June 17, Kleist was mowing his yard and needed to clean out the grass from the side blower of his lawn mower. He shut off the mower and felt around in the blower tube for any kind of blade. Not finding any, Kleist restarted the mower and continued mowing until the blower again became clogged. Thinking it was safe, he reached in to clean out the blowing tube with the mower still running. There was a blade in the blower tube that Kleist had not noticed, and his fingers were badly severed.

Kleist was able to remain calm. He remembers walking into his house, wrapping a towel around

his hand and saying to his wife Avaline, "I have to run into Hartford City; I'll probably stop at the hospital for a little bit but I'll be back shortly."

Kleist said, "I think God really gives us an extra measure of grace in circumstances like these."

There have been many physical complications for Kleist to face since his accident. He suffers from the loss of fine motor skills in his right hand and has also lost much strength in his right arm. He also endures severe pain in his hand, which doctors say will last up to 18 months as his damaged nerves heal. He is in physical therapy, where he practices such skills as squeezing a ball with his right hand in order to regain his strength.

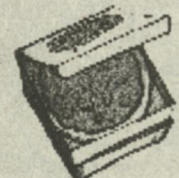
During the continual process of recovery, Kleist has felt the love and support of many in the

community. He said his wife has been his main supporter. Avaline, he said, has "done amazing things" and "gone above and beyond" to help him as he heals.

Regarding his work, Kleist said that he delegates much more responsibility in the ETC, and he is very grateful for the way that the entire staff has pulled together to keep the ETC running smoothly. Kleist is still very dedicated to his job and said that he probably works more than his doctors would recommend. Kleist works about five hours a day in the ETC and carries out other responsibilities through phone calls and email.

Though this ordeal has been extremely difficult for Kleist and his family, he is focused on the positive side of it. He has been able to build relationships with and, consequently, witness to his doctors and therapists, whom he plans to visit even after he has finished his therapy.

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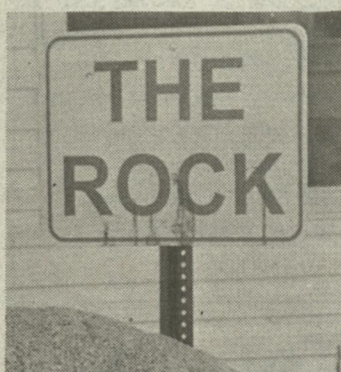
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Exploring Upland's many household names

By HILLARY BOSS
STAFF WRITER

Although off-campus housing is limited, many seniors take advantage of the long-awaited privilege. The houses in the Upland area that are available to students are usually named after the person who owns them, but some of them have unique names with stories to match.

The Church on Indiana Avenue is home to seven girls this year. Senior Jen Norris said that prior to 1996, their house actually was a church. Norris told the story of a girl who had been approved to live off campus, but that sum-



ROCK RESIDENTS advertise their conspicuous dwelling.

mer the university told her there was no room for her in Fairlane. She wandered the streets of Upland looking for a place to live with no luck. Her dad was frustrated with the whole situation, so he began looking and eventually bought a church. He and a friend remodeled the building so that people could live there.

Norris said the house has a large foyer, a kitchen and three large bedrooms, which are where the sanctuary used to be. "We have a working bell and pews in the attic," she said.

Norris and her housemates appreciate the history behind their home and the fact that it was once a place of worship. "I also love the fact that we have so much space," she said.

The Bomb Shelter is located next door to the Church. Senior Megan Bohm said the house was built in the 1960s when people in the United States were concerned about the threat of nuclear war. "There is an actual bomb shelter in the back and you can go down in it," she said.

Bohm described her home as random with lots of character.

"We've got everything from slanted floors to pheasant wallpaper," she said. "We all feel at home here."

Bohm mentioned that the Bomb Shelter has its own photo album. Each year, the people who live there add more pictures, and this year's residents plan to carry on the tradition.

The Fode House, also on Indiana Avenue, has a new name this year. Senior Andy Albert said that he and his housemates decided to call it the Lodge because of the atmosphere. There is a stone wall in the large living room and rocks all the way around on the outside of the house. "The Lodge is just a fun house, and we want it to be open to anyone," Albert said.

Located closer to campus, the Brick House on First Street was built in 1920. Senior Kirstie Parker said its unique feature is the large brick porch in front of the house.

The Crane House on Bragg Avenue is named after its owner, but its unique feature is the interior. Senior Adam Davis said, "It has a major wood theme." He

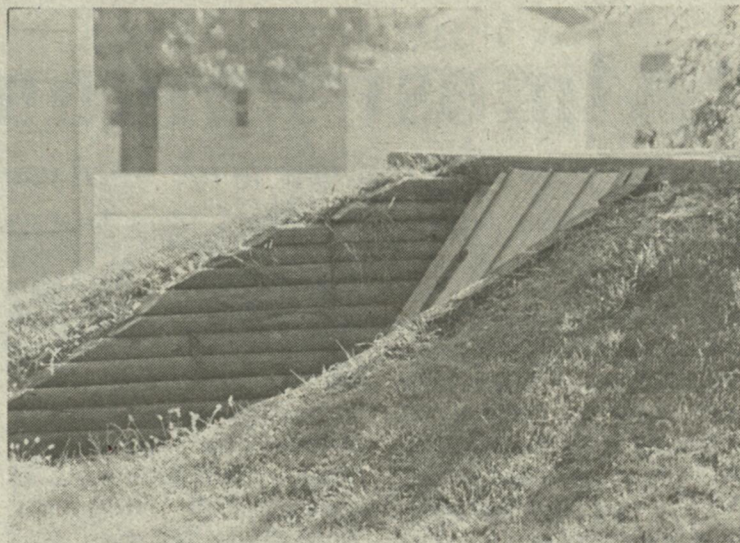


Photo by Bryan Smith

THE BOMB SHELTER, no longer a war-time necessity, makes the house on Indiana Street the famous home of six students.

mentioned tables, shutters and other furniture made of wood, in addition to a wood-burning stove.

The Soup House is in a new location this year on First Street, just one block away from the old one. Senior Efraim Pfeil said the Soup House tradition began when a group of MKs and international students decided to live together with the intention of welcoming all kinds of people

into their home.

"All they had to offer people was Ramen noodle soup, so they decided to call it the International Soup House," Pfeil said. His brother-in-law was an original Soup House member, and Pfeil said he enjoyed hearing stories of a place where people can be themselves, wherever they come from.

"Living in the Soup House is a cultural experience," Pfeil said.

Multi-Cultural Council presents T.U. with a world of opportunities

By SUSAN BEEBE
FEATURES EDITOR

TSO's Multi-Cultural Council has a two-fold mission: to inform and to entertain. A full schedule consisting of movie screenings, dinner events and publishing a newsletter is carrying out that mission.

Junior Danielle Head is the Vice President of the Multi-Cultural Council. Her cabinet, consisting of men and women with a variety of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, seeks to provide all Taylor students with opportunities to learn more about different cultures. "We strongly encourage all students to participate, whether it's for themselves or just to support fellow brothers and sisters in their activities," Head said.

MCC's emphasis on total campus participation has been rewarded. The National Christian Multi-Cultural Leadership Conference, held annually at Nyack College, is taking place Nov. 8-11. Taylor is sending a group of about 50 students, more than ever before, said Head.

"I'm excited about the willingness to be challenged and the interest students are showing in multi-cultural affairs. In the past years, it has been mostly students

of color that have gone; this is the first year a large group of majority students are attending," she said.

Head sees these events as an opportunity for students, not only to learn more, but also to demonstrate the significance of cultural issues. "When people attend these events they are making a type of statement, whether it's that they want to know more or just want an event to go to," she said.

MCC started out the year with "Island Night," where students gathered around a Dining Commons dinner by the lake. The purpose of Island Night was "to show how exciting a different culture is in their style of music and the foods they eat."

MCC is leading students in a celebration of Hispanic Awareness Month, which lasts from Sept. 15 - Oct. 15. The highlight of the month was last week when students viewed "Mi Familia" and sampled Hispanic foods. November celebrates the heritage of Native Americans, and MCC has more festivities planned. December promises more events centered around Christmas traditions around the globe. "We will be focusing on all the countries Taylor students are from," Head said.

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-Willy Wonka

'Almost Famous' receives a top rating

Movie a 'portrait of that time in life when you need to either stand on what you believe or cave in to convention . . .'

By VINNIE MANGANELLO
MOVIE CRITIC

Everybody knows that the 60s were about idealism, being true to yourself, and being true to the world. Likewise, I think we all understand what the 80s were about: greed, profit and BMWs. Did you ever stop and think about how we got from one point to the other? Did some hippie just one day say to his girlfriend, "Hey Snowflake Dust, I sure do like the fine Corinthian leather in that new BMW?" Well I sure would have said that, but that's probably not how it happened, and it wasn't that quick either (deep insight approaching). It took a decade we now know as the 70s. "Almost Famous" is arguably the best-ever look into this in-between time, doing so through the story of a classic rock band and the fans who loved them. It explores the choices of a person, a band and a whole country caught between innocent idealism and cynicism.

The movie is seen through the eyes of 15-year-old William Miller (movie newcomer Patrick Fugit), an aspiring journalist recruited by Rolling Stone Magazine to write a cover story about an up-and-coming band called Stillwater. The magazine arranges for Miller to tour with the band, ride with them on their big old bus, stay with them in hotels ... the works. Of course, William is only 15, and touring with rock a group is probably not



the best influence on a teen-ager. Stillwater's lead singer Jeff Bebe (Jason Lee) and guitarist Russell Hammond (Billy Crudup) take William under their wings, serving as tour guides to this bizarre new world that is unfolding in front of his star-struck eyes. On his trip, he is befriended by a brash young groupie also traveling with the band, the pixie-like Penny Lane (Kate Hudson). With this material, writer-director Cameron Crowe carefully constructs a wonderful little tale about love, hope, the rejection that can be found in both emotions and the temptation to sell-out.

From an acting standpoint, this film was superb, and not a single role was wasted from the lead character down to the bit part of weasel record execs. Each role was carefully written and acted with near-perfect honesty. Not a line of dialogue seems unnatural or out of character. However, the little whiz kid, as endearing as he may be, does get a little hard to associate with. I like the dichotomy between his innocence and the rest of the world's lack thereof, but the kid is just so floppy-haired and puny, he looks like he just walked out of Eastbrook Elementary.

A small part that deserves spe-

cial attention is that of Frances McDormand, who plays William's mother. I have never seen a coming-of-age story in which the parents did not hold the kid back. It's always either, "dad was never there for me," or "my mom's nagging is such a drag." Not so in "Almost Famous." The mother is accurately and sensitively portrayed as someone who is exceptionally loving and worried about her son, yet at the same time, genuinely interested in her offspring's aspirations. She supports William when he travels, but not before she equips him with the integrity of character and thirst for wisdom that will serve him well in the world, not just to survive, but to thrive.

This thoughtful depiction, though small, reminded me of my own mother and stands out in glaring contrast to the false caricatures that most teen movies try to push down our throats. This brings me to my only other complaint: Why would a movie so perfect for teen-agers to watch with their mothers need to be R-rated? They could have taken a little of the edge off the language and not lost a thing. I find that irritating.

This movie could be looked at as a number of things. It could be a coming-of-age story, a love story or even an ode to 70s rock. Some would say that because of the variety of possibilities, the film lacks focus and a strong meaning. I, however, look at the

diversity of interpretations as a virtue and not a vice, because it is the defining line between art and propaganda. For my interpretation, I see this movie as a portrait of that time in life when you need to either stand on what you believe or cave in to convention and be what society wants you to be. It's about selling out, but not just to money. The lead guitarist is more talented than the guys he plays with, and he has to decide whether or not to leave the group to pursue his career. Penny has to decide whether being treated like an object is worth the free party lifestyle she loves so much. And William has to choose if its better to accurately depict the band or just "make them look cool" and stay in their good graces.

Sometimes it takes a near-death experience to filter out how you really feel about something; sometimes it just takes a good, honest look inside. I give "Almost Famous" a French Toast Bar, and will be looking for it around Oscar time.

Vinnie's Ratings

For those unfamiliar with Vinnie's unorthodox system for reviewing films (parents), each of the rating levels correspond to a DC specialty bar.

1. French Toast Bar: Don't miss!
2. Calzone: Very Palatable
3. Hamburger: Average
4. Hot Dog: Edible...Barely
5. Baked Scrod: Consume with extreme caution!

Billboard Top Ten

Now:

1. Radiohead / Kid A
2. Mystikal / Let's Get Ready
3. Nelly / Country Grammar
4. Green Day / Warning!
5. 98 Degrees / Revelation
6. Madonna / Music
7. Scarface / The Last Of A Dying Breed
8. Creed / Human Clay
9. Baha Men / Who Let The Dogs Out
10. 3 Doors Down / The Better Life

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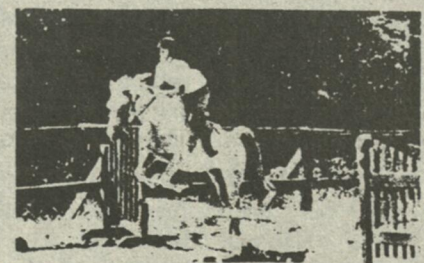
1. M.C. Hammer / Please Hammer Don't Hurt 'Em
2. George Michael / Listen Without Prejudice Vol. 1
3. Mariah Carey / Mariah Carey
4. Wilson Phillips / Wilson Phillips
5. INXS / X
6. AC/DC / The Razor's Edge
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Christian music pays tribute to Bob Briner

'Celebrating people...who affect culture by being a part of it'

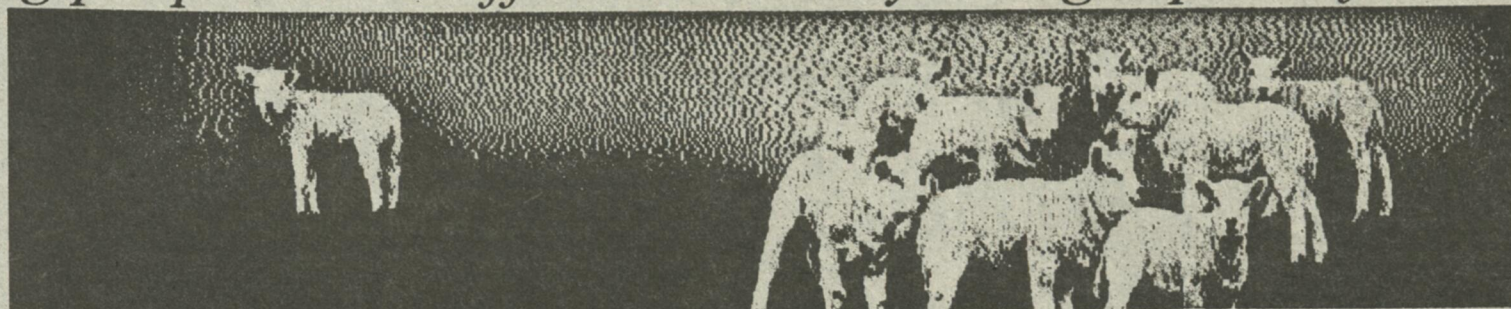
JULIE COOPER

ASSISTANT ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT
EDITOR

"Roaring Lambs" is an album designed to inspire reflection and pay tribute to one man's legacy. There are few concept albums that challenge the listener to think and provoke discussion as much as "Roaring Lambs." The CD features many of the top names in Christian music, including Over the Rhine, Jars of Clay and Charlie Peacock. The idea for the project stems from Bob Briner's 1993 book of the same name.

In his book, Briner challenges Christians to rethink their attitudes toward the media. He offers specific steps that can be taken to effect the media as well as local communities. "It's time for believers to confidently carry their faith with them into the marketplace so that our very culture feels the difference," Briner said in his book.

Because of Briner's prominent and proactive position in the media, he inspired musician Steve Taylor to found a different sort of record label. This inspiration became Squint Entertainment, home to acts such as Sixpence None the Richer and Chevelle.



An artists depiction of "Roaring Lambs" for the album cover.

Graphic courtesy of Squint Entertainment

Squint and Briner worked on this album together until Briner's death in 1999. Though the album does not encompass every believer making a difference in the world of music, the liner notes commend artists like MxPx, P.O.D. and Kirk Franklin for making their way into the secular world.

"The idea was to honor artists who in one way or another have been about the business of shining their light beyond the walls of the church," said Taylor in a Squint publication. "Even more than that, it was our hope to set these vital concepts in front of a generation who haven't decided on their careers yet. We want high school and college kids to start asking the right questions now so that they don't repeat the mistakes many of us made of sequestering ourselves in a sub-culture rather than penetrating

the culture as salt and light."

The CD is cohesive, yet each of these songs can stand on their own. Most of them have mellow rock styles that transition well into each other. All of the songs are original, except for the Bill Mallonee and Vigilantes of Love cover of the Bruce Cockburn song, "Wondering Where the Lions Are."

Sixpence None the Richer and Over the Rhine stood out with their tributes to Briner. Over the Rhine's "Good Bye" draws the listener in with its lush melodies. Sixpence's Matt Slocum uses the guitar and fiddle to create a rich, full sound that nicely backs up the vocals of Leigh Nash and special guest Emmylou Harris.

Jars of Clay and Burlap to Cashmere also make strong showings with their contribution to the CD. Long-dormant PFR made a come-back for the album,

as did Steve Taylor with a revival of his songwriting skills.

Novel pairings make this album an interesting listen. Ladysmith Black Mambazo, a critically-acclaimed Zulu group, joined Charlie Peacock for a tribute to God's work in South Africa. The song receiving the most Christian radio play is "One Thing," a duet featuring Ginny Owens and Brent Bourgeois. The repetitiveness of the song is supposed to convey a sense of urgency. Any song that has Michael Tait, of DC Talk fame, singing the words of God is intriguing, but Ashley Cleveland and Tait combine for a song that deserves a second listen.

"Somewhere out beyond the sweet sound of Amazing Grace, someone needs to see God's love and mercy face to face," sing Steven Curtis Chapman and Michael W. Smith in their first-ever recorded duet. Some have

criticized the inclusion of these two on a CD that is all about going into the secular world through different media, because of their long history of involvement with the Christian music industry.

The "Roaring Lambs" album is intended to encourage Christians through Briner's work. This companion to the Briner books is pleasant by itself, but held little meaning for me before I read "Roaring Lambs." It does bring a fresh variety of combinations, but my favorite songs on the album were by groups to whom I already listen.

This laudable CD is a collection of well-known artists doing exactly what they do best to promote a cause they believe in. The album offers something for everyone, and earns its place as one of the best compilation albums in recent years.

Web-based magazines replace traditional text

BY TIM WALTER

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

In an age when one can find and do almost anything on the Internet, online music magazines are providing a web-based substitute for typical newspaper reading.

Rolling Stone, known for its innovation in music reporting, started the first pop-rock music magazine in the late 1960s. At the time it was assumed and expected that such a venture would fail. Today, however, *Rolling Stone* is the industry standard for music reporting. Their online version, www.rollingstone.com, continues this cutting-edge tradition. Every two weeks both the cover and the main music features are updated to keep readers current with rock's biggest performers. In addition, a daily news section delivers all the recent music news. The best part about this section is that visitors can register to receive the daily news in their e-mail account.

Aside from the articles included in the published magazine, *RS* includes a vast database of pho-

tos, MP3s, videos and web-casts. The weakest of the additional sections is "Tickets & Tours," simply a Ticketmaster link. The most resourceful is the artist search database, which can locate every article or picture that *Rolling Stone* has done for any particular artist.

Spin, one of *RS*'s major competitors, has a flashier site, with more visual appeal. Like *RS*, it features articles from its current print release. *Spin*, however, does a few things differently. The entire site is not kept up to date. The news section is more in-depth but is a few days old. The touring section provides a list of artists instead of a search engine, and most of the tours featured ended this summer. Another section that is not current is the pop culture section, where the latest movie review is for X-Men.

To its credit, *Spin.com* has several good design ideas, but the execution of the ideas is poor. The articles cover a broader range of material, including fashion and video games, and an entire section is devoted to "Spin

Life," a chat and community room. As cool as this community section might have been, all the links to it are dead. *Spin*'s website, like their magazine, falls short of the quality of *Rolling Stone*.

Despite the opinion expressed by Terry Mattingly, a national syndicated columnist who visited campus last week, there may be a place for "Christian" journalism if it is done well. *Decapolis.com* is a totally web-based music and faith magazine. While the magazine highlights groups from the pop-sounding Sixpence None the Richer to the hardcore style of Stretch Armstrong, it tends to focus on the punk/alternative side of the industry. In addition to covering concerts and doing reviews and interviews, *Decapolis* discusses culture.

The site has all of the musical features of *RS* or *Spin*, but it is the faith and culture element that makes *Decapolis* worth investigation. A link to a world news service through 7amnews.com provides the site with up-to-the-minute coverage ranging from the

situation in Israel to the presidential election race.

The faith section of the site isn't of the cheesy Sunday school variety. A daily devotional portion deals with meaty issues and contains an article that very appropriately answers the question of "why do devotionals?" The articles on faith surprised me the most. The list of archived articles covered topics like, "An in-depth five-point study on Calvinism," "Discerning God's will," and "What is faith?" Other articles tackle more contemporary issues, like, "The WWJD Caution," "Secular music evil" or "T-shirt Evangelism."

Bandoppler Radio is another online magazine that attempts to address music, culture, faith and relevance without feeling the need to be a distinctly Christian publication. According to the site, "We exist to explore honestly, humbly and candidly the human condition, primarily focusing on the few parts of our beings that stand as most noble: free will and creative expression with an obvious emphasis on

music and social issues."

This site, like the others, offers the standard articles, reviews and concert dates. The site distinctly focuses on indie bands, but ranges from P.O.D. to Fono. As with the other three magazines, it takes a distinct rock focus, instead of the pop side of music.

The art section of *Bandoppler* was one of the more intriguing portions of the site, with four different styles of art with different artists' work. The variety and quality of the art surprised me. The artistic focus was not limited solely to this one section. Artistic influence was blended in almost every aspect of the site, from the movie reviews to the featured articles. My only complaint about the site is that it took significant effort to navigate *Bandoppler*. A redesign would erase the frustrations of searching the magazine.

Anyone interested in concerts of any musical genre can visit Pollstar.com, the industry leader in touring news and information. *Pollstar* gives dates and behind-the-scenes news to a wide range of music lovers.

Sports

"To dream of the person you would like to be is to waste the person you are."

~ Anonymous

Lady Trojan soccer looks for third straight win



Photo by Bryan Smith

SENIOR HEATHER ROGERS does her best to control the ball against Goshen.

BY JOSHUA PETERS

SPORTS EDITOR

As the leaves turn color, fade and begin their downward journey around the fences of the Taylor soccer field, the Lady Trojans soccer season draws to a close.

The women came out strong last week and after taking a 3-0 lead into halftime, Coach Larry Mealy had to have been impressed. But their offensive explosion in the second half had the women sparring their "lucky socks" from the washers.

Heather Rogers opened the scoring early on a wonderful free kick to score at 38:23 in the first half. Dana DiSanto made it 2-0 with a nice run to the goal. Rogers came back at 17:51 on an assist from DiSanto to take a commanding 3-0 at the half.

The Taylor defense did an incredible job at squelching Spalding's chances of a goal. Debbie Douglass and Karin Staffin allowed the visitors only two shots on goal. Goalkeeper Emily Richmond stopped those two and six in the first half for her part in Taylor's sixth shutout this season.

The offense kept the pressure on and scored goal after goal with precision passing and solid shots. Gwen Ludeman, Kelly

Goben, Jessica Linder, Abby Rice and Laura Perkins scored second-half goals, and DiSanto added her second of the day.

Following Saturday's 9-0 blitzing of Spalding University, the Lady Trojans came through with a 7-0 embarrassing of Marian College in a MCC tilt. The victory raised their record to 6-4-2 in the season and 3-1-1 in MCC play.

Taylor played solidly throughout the first half and built a 2-0 lead. The second half was all Taylor as they out shot Marian 19-8 and drove five more balls past the keeper for scores.

Leading the way offensively was Vicki Siegrist with two goals. Teammates Goben, DiSanto, Rogers, Linder and Jamie Carretta joined the scoring brigade.

Defense may remain the strength of the Taylor squad as they posted their fifth shutout in a row and seventh overall. Led by Richmond and Douglass, the Lady Trojans now boast an incredible 0.8 goals against average. These efforts have made the net seem smaller and smaller in size to their opponents as the season progresses.

Taylor hosts St. Francis in an important MCC match this Saturday, kickoff at 3:00 p.m.

Volleyball downs Huntington

Women reach to their expectations as conference record excels to 3-1

BY DEBBIE DOUGLASS

STAFF WRITER

The women's volleyball team (17-8) returned victorious from Huntington on Tuesday night.

The ladies won the first two games decisively, slipped in the third and came on strong to win

the fourth and final game.

"We had difficulty with focus," Coach Angie Fincannon said.

"We had to push through shifts of momentum in Huntington's game, and sometimes they caught us on our heels."

Offensive starter Kim Martin sat out this game because of an injury. Martin is second in the conference in kills, and her absence in the front line was evident.

Defensive specialist Carol Hahnstadt stepped into the offense and played a major hitting role with seven kills. Amber McClure had 24 assists, and Jessica Bell played a very solid game.

The women are traveling down to Kentucky this weekend to take on Georgetown and Spalding University.

Taylor University Athletics: An Overview

BY JOSHUA PETERS

SPORTS EDITOR

Taylor's football team fell short in their comeback effort, losing 22-15 to St. Xavier in Chicago on Saturday. After falling behind 16-0 at half-time, the Trojans (2-3 in the season and 1-1 in conference play) came back to close the gap, scoring 15 second half points. But St. Xavier put six points on the board in the 4th quarter to seal the victory.

Jeremy Roberts led the offensive attack with 16 receptions for 124 yards. Josh Cole was 21 of 34 for 181 yards in passing, while Scott Herr led the ground game with 59 yards. Taylor outgained St. Xavier 336 to 331 total yards, but gave up two fumbles and three interceptions.

Josh Hershey was Taylor's leading tackler, notching seven solo tackles, while Scott Blackford and Andy Phillips each totaled six.

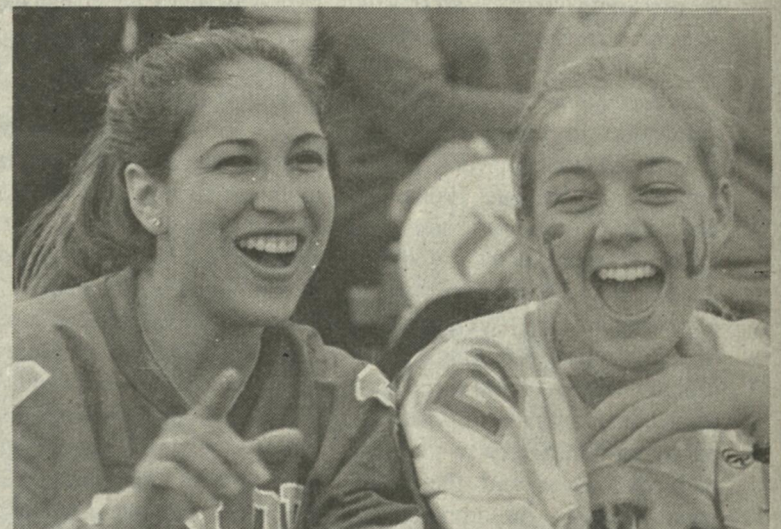


Photo by Bryan Smith

DANIELLE WALKER AND AMBER WOLFE show their support.

The Trojans must now focus on their game this weekend against St. Francis of Illinois. Kickoff for the game is at 2:30 p. m.

In other sports, men's and women's tennis finished up their seasons with respectable figures

this year.

The men's team finished undefeated in the season and first in the MCC conference.

The women finished fifth overall and completed the season with a record of 5-7.

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